



Florida Division of Emergency Management State Watch Office

Morning Situation Report

Thursday, September 11, 2025



State Emergency Operations Center Activation Level

Level 2 Activation



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Response Regional Coordination Team



Team	County Location	Visits
Region 1: Jim Roberts	Gadsden	ECHCC Meeting / NWS Call
Region 2: Enrique Gaston	Jackson	NWS Call / EM Meeting
Region 3: Glen Hammers	Out of Service	Leave (See Coverage)
Region 4: Tara Kostich	Clay	Vehicle Maintenance
Region 5: Austin Beeghly	St Lucie	POD Training Instruction
Region 6: Paul Siddall	Collier	Training Meeting / Director Meeting / Return to R6 Travel
Region 7: Kathryn Hollenbeck	St Lucie	POD Training Co-Instruction
Region 8: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 9: Vacant	N/A	N/A
Region 10: Claudia Baker	Broward	Quarterly Meeting Prep / LMS Meeting

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Status

Normal Operations

Out of Service / Unavailable



Recovery Regional Coordination Team

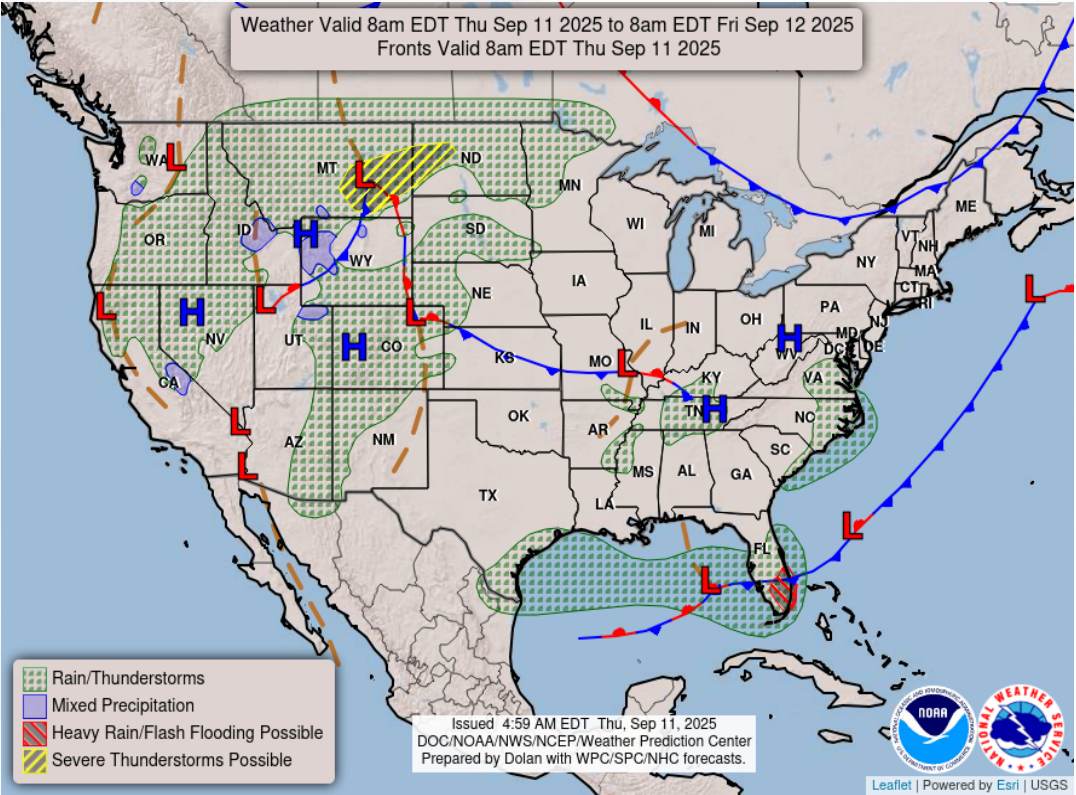
Team	County Location	Status / Activities
Region 1: Allison Blevins	Okaloosa	F-ROC Assistance
Region 2: Justin Lazzara	Gadsden / Jackson	County EM Meetings
Region 3: Amber Durden	Alachua	LTRG Meeting
Region 4: Joshua Saunders	Baker	COAD Meeting
Region 5: Elizabeth Caison	Volusia	County EM Meeting
Region 6: Rick Rogers	Gadsden / Jackson	County EM Meeting
Region 7: Antonio Zapata	Indian River	Team Counterpart Meeting
Region 8: Ja-Pheth Butler-Miller	Indian River	Team Counterpart Meeting
Region 9: Jacob Ginsberg	Lee	F-ROC Training Tour
Region 10: Vacant	N/A	See Coverage

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Status
Normal Operations
In Region / Delayed Response
Deployed / Delayed Response
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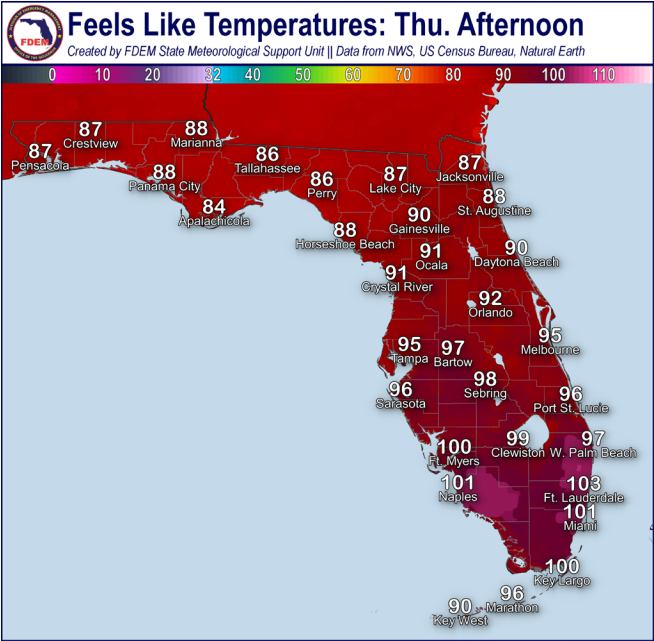
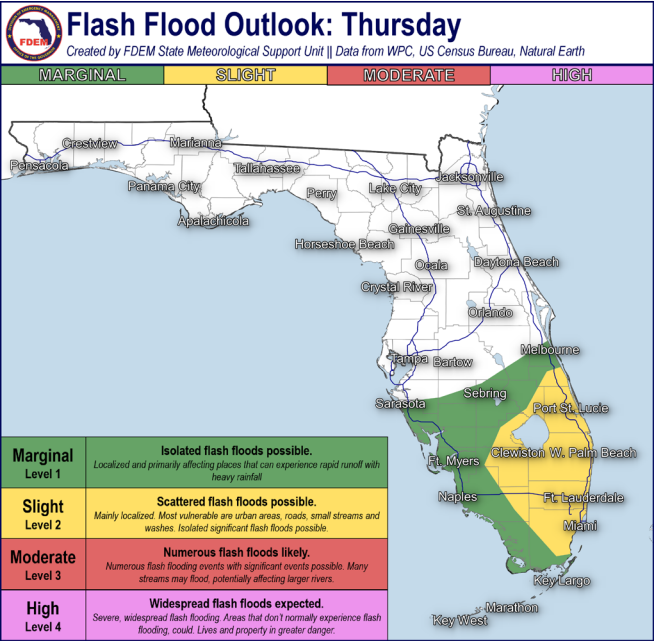


Meteorology Summary



Today's Weather Map

Threat	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10
Lightning				L	H	H	H	H	H	H
Tornado										
Damaging Wind				L	L	L	L	L	L	L
Hail										
Flash Flooding							L	M	M	M
Excessive Heat						L	M	M	M	M
Wildfire	L	L								
Fog (Overnight)										
Rip Currents	M	H	L	H	H	L		H	L	L
Lake Okeechobee Elevation	12.85 ft. (1.62 ft. <u>Below</u> Normal)									
Keetch-Byram Drought Index	247 (-14) on a scale from 0 (very moist) to 800 (very dry)									





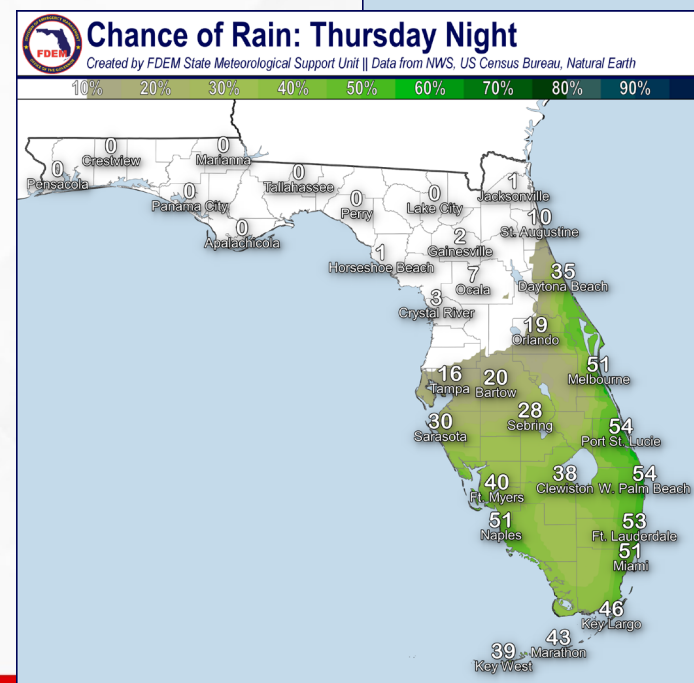
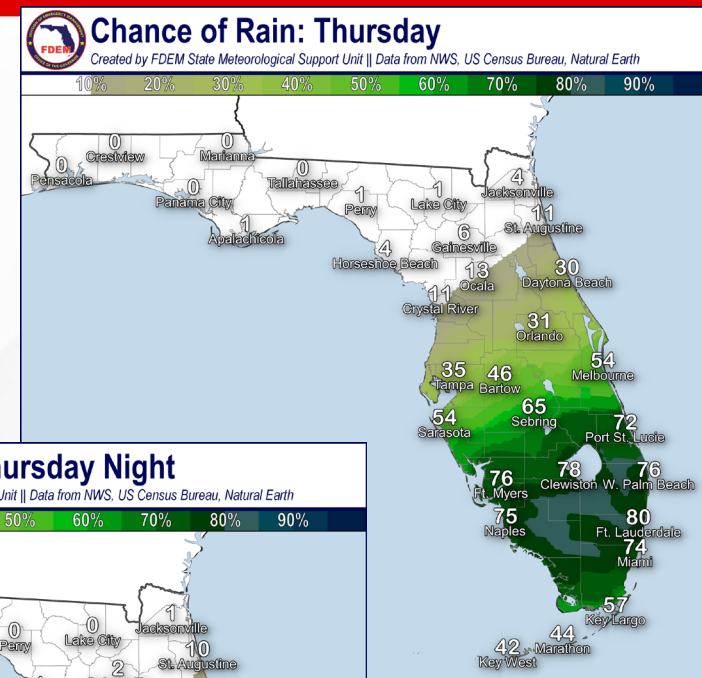
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Statewide Overview, Next 24 Hours:

Northerly winds will continue to usher in drier air across much of the Panhandle and North Florida today as the stationary front across South Florida drifts even further south. As a result, rainfall chances will remain very low across much of North Florida (near-0 to 10% chance of rain), however Central Florida will also see a bit of a reprieve from the recent heavy rainfall. Isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms will develop along the sea breeze this afternoon across the I-4 corridor and Central Florida (15-45% chance of rain), while South Florida remaining entrenched in deep tropical moisture with closer proximity to the front will see much more widespread shower and thunderstorm activity (65-85% chance of rain). The Weather Prediction Center (WPC) is outlooking another **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** across much of South Florida with a **Slight Risk (level 2 of 4)** across Southeast Florida and the Miami metropolitan area. Repeated rounds of rainfall could lead to **localized flash flooding and ponding of water**, and saturated soils and grounds may lead to an **earlier onset to flooding** especially in urban and poor-drainage locations.

High temperatures will remain in the middle 80s to lower 90s statewide this afternoon. **Warm and muggy conditions** will persist across South Florida where heat index values will reach the middle to upper 90s to near **triple digits (100-102-degrees)**, while drier air across North Florida will keep heat index values in the middle 80s.

Showers and thunderstorms will linger throughout the evening and into the overnight hours along portions of the East Coast (50-60% chance of rain). Elsewhere across the state, mostly dry conditions can be expected. Low temperatures will fall into the middle to upper 60s across North Florida, middle 70s across Central Florida and upper 70s to lower 80s across South Florida.





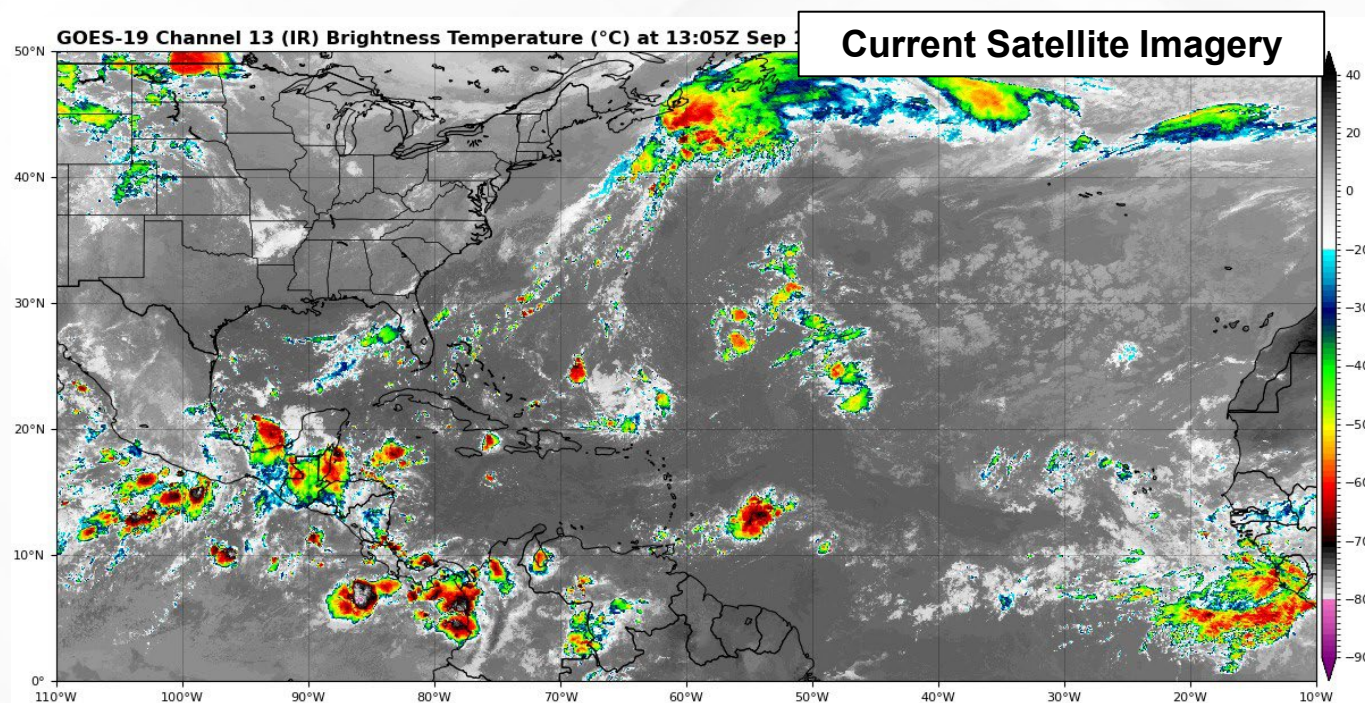
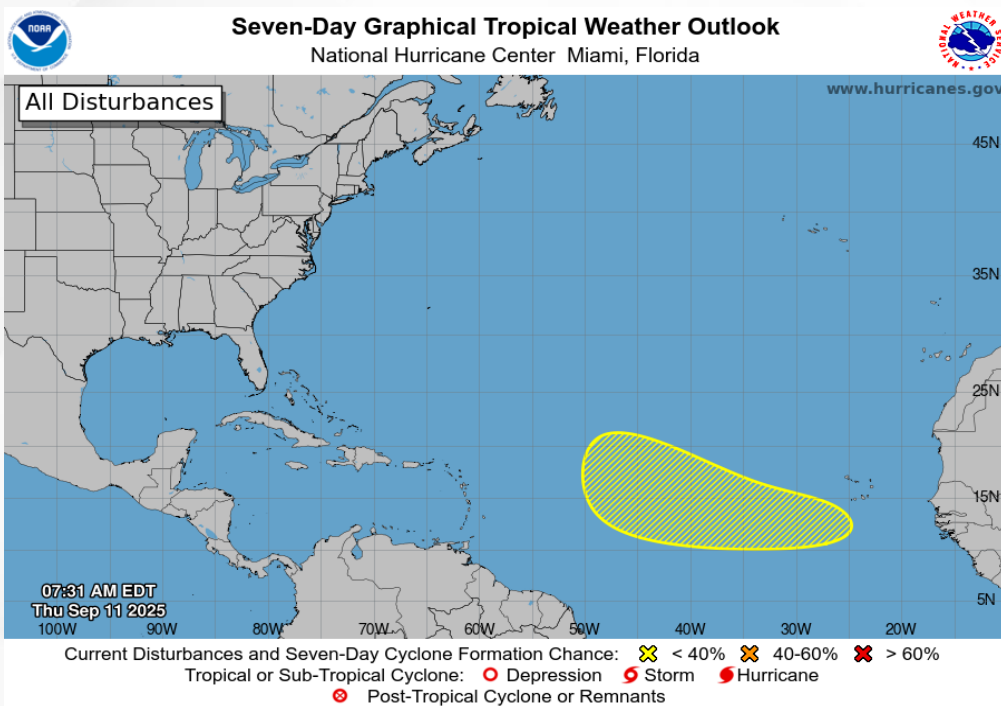
Tropical Weather

For the latest on the tropics, please visit the National Hurricane Center (NHC) at www.hurricanes.gov.

Eastern and Central Tropical Atlantic: A tropical wave is forecast to emerge offshore the west coast of Africa by Friday. Environmental conditions could support slow development of the system over the weekend into early next week as it moves to the west or west-northwest at about 15 mph over the eastern and central tropical Atlantic.

*Formation chance through 48 hours...**low...near 0%.**

*Formation chance through 7 days...**low...30%.**





Coastal Hazards & Hydrology

Rip Currents: A **moderate to high risk for rip currents** can be expected nearly statewide today. A low risk for rip currents can be expected for West Coast beaches. For the latest Rip Current Outlook, visit www.weather.gov/beach.

Marine Hazards: Large ocean swells will persist today along Panhandle and East Coast beaches. Panhandle beaches can expect to see **wave heights of 2-3'** throughout the day, with **wave heights of 2-5'** for Florida East Coast beaches. First Coast beaches may see **wave heights of upwards of 6'**, especially in the surf zone. West Coast beaches can expect wave heights near 1-2'.

Red Tide was observed at background concentrations offshore Escambia County in Northwest Florida and offshore Brevard County along the East Coast. It was not observed in any samples collected across Southwest Florida or the East Coast (9/5).

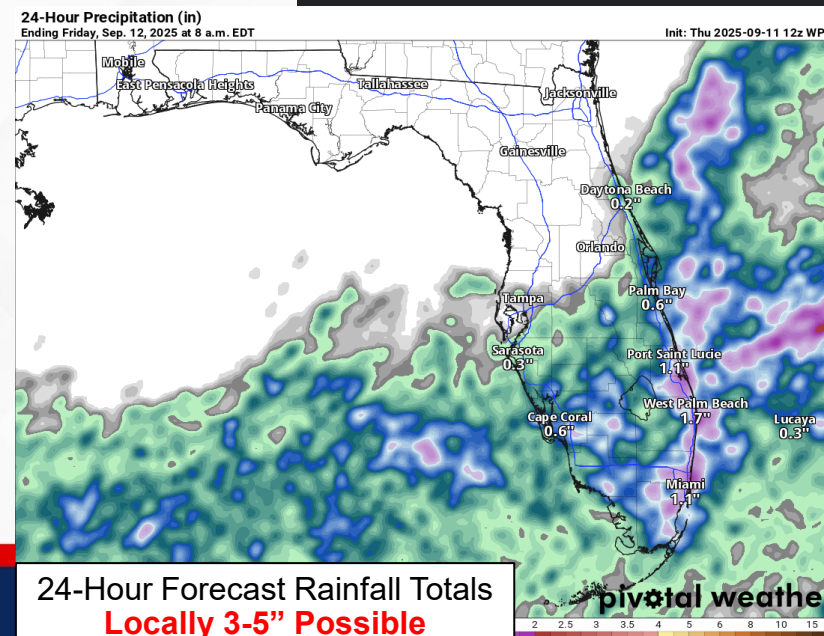
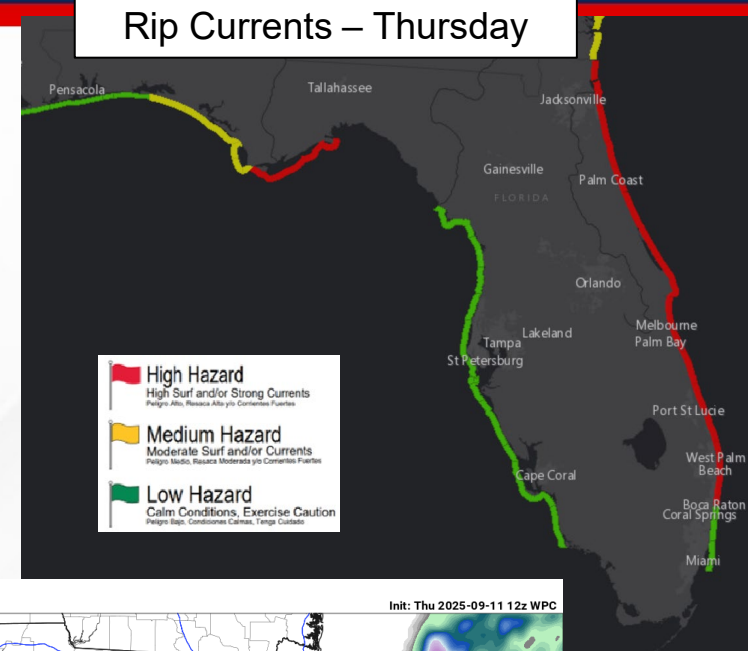
Coastal Flooding: Lingering high tides from this weekend's King Tides and the recent full moon will continue to produce **minor coastal and tidal flooding** for portions of the Upper Florida Keys and Mainland Monroe County near and during times of high tide. Some isolated coastal flooding is also possible along coastal Palm Beach and Broward Counties. **Coastal Flood Statements** remain in effect through this evening for these locations. Growing ocean swells and onshore winds will trap elevated tides within tidal portions of the St. Johns River, leading to instances of **minor coastal and tidal flooding** near and during times of high tide, with a few isolated instances of **moderate coastal flooding** possible. **Coastal Flood Advisories** remain in effect along the upper St. Johns River as well as along the Northeast Florida coast.

Flash Flooding: The Weather Prediction Center (WPC) is outlooking a **Marginal Risk (level 1 of 4) for Flash Flooding** across South Florida as a stationary front slowly drifts southward across the Peninsula. Showers and thunderstorms will develop this afternoon and evening ahead of the front bringing locally heavy rainfall and intense downpours, leading to instances of **localized flash flooding and ponding of water**. There is a **Slight Risk (level 2 of 4) for Flash Flooding** along the Southeast Florida coast and metro where recent heavy rainfall over the last couple days, and additional rainfall expected, could lead to localized flash flooding and ponding of water. Rainfall totals of 1-3" can be expected, with **locally higher totals** upwards of 3-5" possible with any repeating downpours across South Florida.

Riverine Flooding: A **River Flood Warning** remains in effect for the [St. Johns River at Astor](#) as water levels have remained in **minor flood stage**. Conditions will remain in **minor flood stage** through the weekend, with a chance for short-term rises into **moderate flood stage**. The [Fisheating Creek at Palmdale](#) is at Action Stage (bank-full) this morning and is expected to remain so through the end of the week with additional heavy rainfall. There are no other riverine concerns, though localized heavy rainfall across basins may lead to some quick-response rivers seeing water levels rise, especially across South Florida. For more information, visit the [River Forecast Center](#).

Lake Okeechobee's average elevation is 12.85 feet, which is within the operational band and is 1.62 feet below normal for this time of year.

Rip Currents – Thursday



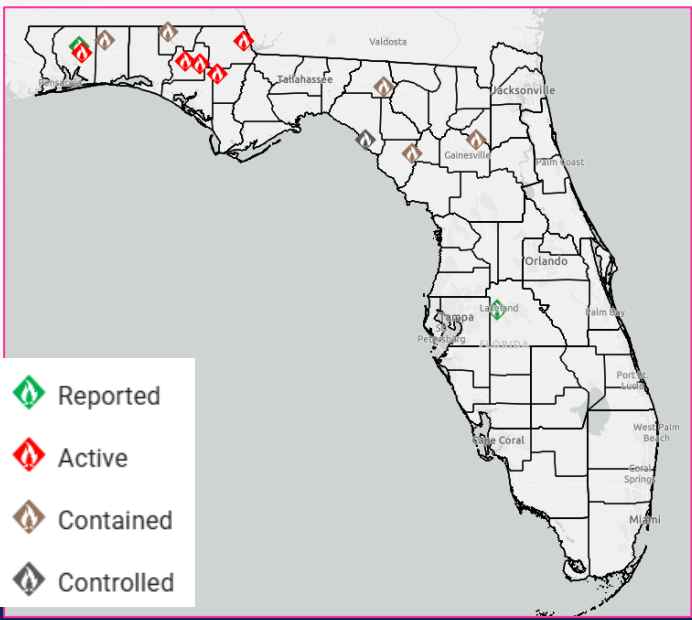
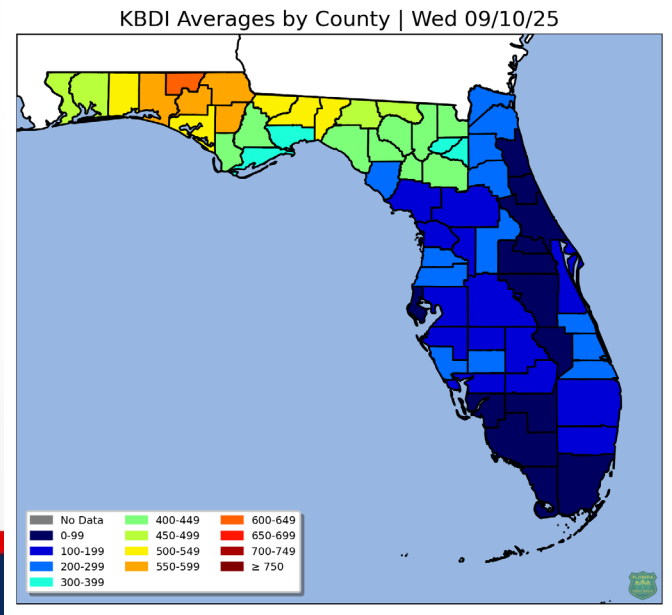
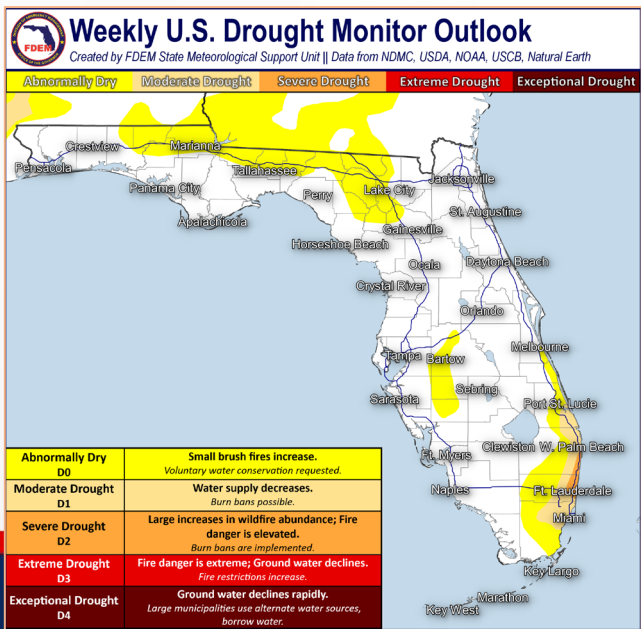


Drought & Fire Weather

Fire Weather: Relative humidity values will continue to remain well above critical thresholds throughout much of the state courtesy of tropical moisture and a stalled frontal boundary in South Florida. However, dry air will remain across the Panhandle and much of North Florida where we've seen a few small spot fires develop across the Northwest Panhandle. Relative humidity values will dip near critical thresholds this afternoon (34-45%), leading to some increase in fire risk. Numerous to widespread showers and thunderstorms will develop later today throughout Central and South Florida, keeping the wildfire threat very low. *Thunderstorms will be capable of producing frequent lightning and erratic winds.* According to the [Florida Forest Service](#), there are 13 active wildfires across the state burning approximately 42 acres.

Drought: Much of the drought across Southeast Florida continues to diminish with recent heavy rainfall and as reflected in the most recent drought outlook. The extreme drought across coastal Palm Beach and Broward counties has been reduced to a **Severe Drought (level 2 of 4)**, while much of the previous severe drought area was reduced to **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)**. In general, a one category reduction was made in all locations in Southeast Florida where most locations have seen rainfall departures 2" to upwards of 8" above normal in the past two weeks. Portions of coastal Martin County remain in a **Moderate Drought (level 1 of 4)** where most heavy rainfall has missed. While wet conditions persisted across South Florida, very dry conditions were found across the Panhandle. Much of the northern Panhandle saw additional introduction to the abnormally dry (emerging drought) category where rainfall deficits have neared 2-3" over the last two weeks. These dry conditions will likely persist through the next week, leading to a possible categorical increase in the drought outlook next week. Elsewhere across the state, no additional changes were made. Abnormally dry (emerging drought) remains across inland Polk, Hardee, and DeSoto counties.

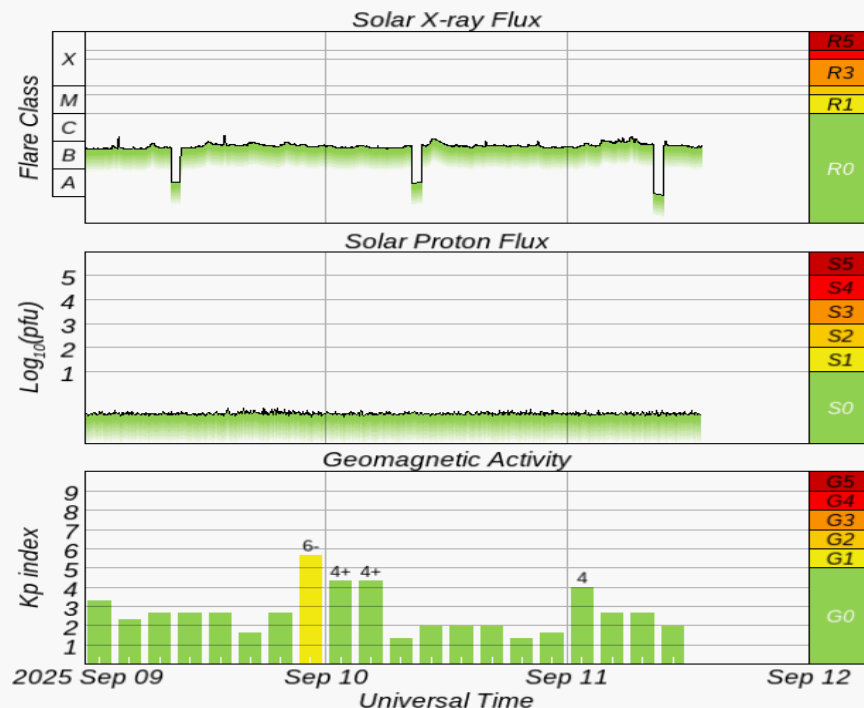
The **Keetch-Byram Drought Index** average for Florida is **247 (-14)** on a scale from 0 (very wet) to 800 (very dry). There are **10** Florida counties (Bay, Calhoun, Gadsden, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Okaloosa, Walton, and Washington County) in the Panhandle that have an average KBDI above 500 (drought/increased fire danger).





Current Sunspots

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Space Weather: Solar activity is expected to remain at low levels with a chance for isolated strong (M-class) solar flares through the end of the week as a few active sunspots remain Earth-facing. Minor to moderate (R1-R2) radio blackouts will accompany any M-class solar flares that develop. Elevated solar wind conditions are expected to continue through today due to ongoing coronal hole winds. Influences will wane on Friday (9/12) leading to decreasing solar wind conditions this weekend. The Earth's geomagnetic field will remain at quiet to unsettled levels with isolated active periods possible. The overall space threat to Florida remains low.

Solar Flare Risk	Active Watches & Warnings	Past 24 hours
M-class: 25%	Geomagnetic Storm: None	C1 Solar Flare
X-class: 1%	Radiation Storm: None	No Radio Blackouts

48-Hour Geomagnetic Forecast	
9/11	9/12
Max Kp= 3 (G0)	Max Kp= 2 (G0)
Chance of minor activity = 5% severe activity = 1%	Chance of minor activity = 1% severe activity = 1%



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Fax:	850-815-4979	Operational	
Email:	SWP@em.myflorida.com	Operational	
SWO Tracker:	https://apps.floridadisaster.org/SWO/	Operational	
SLERS:	DEM Statewide	Operational	
FNARS:	WGY974	Operational	
Federal NAWAS:	State Watch Office	Operational	
EMnet Message:	FL.000- State Watch Office	Operational	
EMnet Voice:	FL SWP- State Watch Office	Operational	
IPAWS:	LP.1 Stations via Emnet	Operational	
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